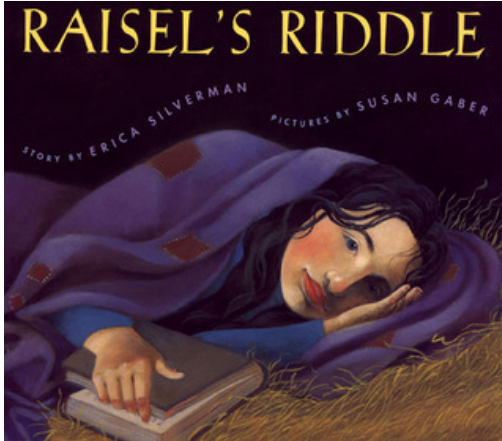


## Raisels Riddle By Erica Silverman

I'm not generally a big fan of take existing fairytale change setting types of stories but Cinderella is vague enough and I like our protagonist with agency here Childrens Books Interesting Cinderella story. I didn't love how they made clear that the mean cook was specified as Polish when no other country origin is mentioned and I didn't love that the Rabbi was pretty absent in his own house but kids probably won't notice. Childrens Books Plot: A Writing: B Vocabulary: A Illustrations: A Level: children's book Rating: G (girl orphaned bullied) Message: The most valuable quality is wisdom and the most valuable commodity is learning. Childrens Books



A Jewish version of Cinderella with Raisel attending a Purim celebration instead of a ball and telling the rabbi's son (rather than a prince) a riddle that he later uses to identify her (rather than a glass slipper) - very beautiful retelling of the fairy tale; my little ones (7 & 8 as of this writing) really enjoyed it. A rabbi takes her in as a servant but his cook doesn't like her and treats her terribly until Raisel's kindness to a stranger releases a magic that allows her to secretly attend the Purim play telling the Rabbi's son an intelligent riddle that leads him to search her out. Childrens Books Now here's a Cinderella retelling that I will applaud! :-) Raisel is a kindhearted smart young woman and her Prince Charming is impressed with her intelligence! (woo hoo!) Knowledge and goodness are both touted as desirable traits. Lovely story and a update of the original to appeal to modern sensibilities about women's intelligence though it still holds some magic and romance too! :-)

Childrens Books A Jewish Cinderella What's more precious than rubies more lasting than gold? Raisel knows. Is it possible that this young man can answer Raisel's riddle? Erica Silverman's lively retelling of the Cinderella story features a heroine for whom knowledge is as essential to happiness as love, This one takes place in Poland and does not include a wicked stepmother or stepsisters, I really enjoyed it! Childrens Books This Jewish retelling of Cinderella was rather dark in the beginning and took a while to get my child interested, Childrens Books I didn't know I wanted a Jewish Cinderella story until I read it: They got it right away - Dad this is just like Cinderella! - and enjoyed comparing and contrasting the story they knew with this retelling. I'm glad we read it! Childrens Books A beautiful take on the Cinderella story with a Jewish spin, Raisel is an orphaned Polish girl raised by her grandfather a student of the Talmud. When he dies Raisel must travel to the city to find work. Not just her beauty but her intelligence is what draws the rabbi's son to Raisel and her kindness sets the events in motion, A great story for little Jewish girls to focus on intelligence and kindness more so than beauty, Childrens Books I liked it because the cook was so mean to Raisel and then Raisel found this beggar and she gave her 3 wishes: One of her wishes was to go to the party in a horse drawn carriage: She told a riddle to the rabbi's son at the party then later said she would marry him if he could answer the riddle: Childrens Books A version of the Cinderella tale with a Jewish spin: We have a young girl who is orphaned and seeks work in the city, She is given a job as a kitchen maid in the home of a Rabbi but the cook/ housekeeper doesn't want her there. One night everyone goes out to celebrate and she is left to clean up after a party, She gives her meal to a beggar woman who in turn grants her three wishes: The girl asks for a costume and a horse-drawn carriage to take her to the party where she meets the Rabbi's young son: Her last wish is used to

clean the kitchen so her absence is not noticed: When the Rabbi announces he seeks the young woman who told his son a witty riddle she is locked in the pantry to keep her out of the way by the cook. However she is able to draw their attention and is released, She recited the riddle with the son and he asks her to marry him, I rather like that in this tale the girl is educated and wins the heart of her love with her intelligence not her looks. It's nice to see that the evil stepmother figure is instead a miserable old cook--a welcome change in my book, It's set during Purim so could be a good holiday book as well. She learned it from her grandfather a poor scholar who taught her. When he dies Raisel finds work in the home of a rabbi: And as the Jewish holiday of Purim approaches Raisel works even harder. The rabbi's son presides over the Purim dinner and Raisel listens closely when he responds to riddles posed by his guests: In striking paintings Susan Gaber captures all her beauty external and internal. But the ending made it all worth while. My daughter loved the ending. This is a realistic Jewish-Polish retelling of Cinderella. Filled with beautiful illustrations as well. I adored this story. She ran away when it was midnight. Her last wish was to clean the house. She works hard and makes no complaints. She tells him a riddle then had to leave. They lived happily ever after. His jealous cook makes Raisel toil from sunup to sundown. Raisels Riddle.